Complaint against the auction sale of the Opium and Ganja shop at Quilon for 1100 M. E.

35. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Was the opium and ganja shop at Quilon bid for Rs. 3,800 for the year 1100?

(*b*) Did Mr. J. Joseph petition the Government that the shop might be re-auctioned and that he was prepared to bid for Rs. 4,200?

(*c*) Did the Government order that the said shop should be re-auctioned?

(*d*) Did the Excise Commissioner recommend to the Government that the contract should not be given to Mr. Joseph who was willing to take it for Rs. 4,200, and that it should be confirmed in the name of the original bidder?

(*e*) Did the Government sanction that recommendation, and, if so, why?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In a petition submitted by Mr. Joseph, he offered Rs. 4,200 for the shop.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) and (*e*) Having considered a report from the Ag. Excise Commissioner Mr. Govinda Pillai, Government decided that no re-auction was necessary and sanctioned the original sale.

Arrack Shop at Quilon.

36. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Has the arrack shop at Quilon been given to the person who has taken up the local opium and ganja shop?

(*b*) Was the said arrack shop auctioned for 1100 for a lower amount than for 1099?

(*c*) If so, what is the difference and why?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The difference is Rs. 810 and is due to the fall in the consumption of arrack in the shop in 1098-99.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ചാരായം വിറ്റതിൽ കുറവുണ്ടോ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): The figures are not available as the Excise Commissioner confirms such auctions.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഇങ്ങനെ ഒരു മറുപടി പറയുന്നതിനു ഉപയോഗപ്പെടുത്തിയ നിക്കാർഡുകൾ ഏതാണെ

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[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

ന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം. അതിന്ന ഒരു ഫിഗർ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കണം. അതറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): That figure is not available just now. I claim notice.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഈ ഷാപ്പിന്റെ വേറെ ആരെങ്കിലും അപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): I claim notice for that question also.

Damage caused by wild Elephants in the Neduvangad Taluk.

37. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received petitions from the people of Aryanad and Mannurkara *pakuthies* in the Neduvangad taluk complaining against the destruction of dwelling houses and cocoanut and other plantations by wild elephants, and, if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to depute an officer to inspect the localities and estimate the extent of loss sustained by the people?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): (*a*) and (*b*) Petitions were received and the matter was fully enquired into by the Forest Department. The member's attention is drawn to the Press Note on page 368 of the Forest Sheet of the *Government Gazette* dated the 5th May, 1925.

Medical Inspection of the Central Prison by the Darbar Physician.

38. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state how often the Central Prison has been visited by the Darbar Physician from the 1st Chingam to the 15th Mithunam 1100?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to lay on the table copies of the remarks of the Darbar Physician entered in the Prison Visitors' Book during that period?

(*c*) What is the grade as well as the length of service of the Medical Officer or officers who have been in charge of the Central Prison during the last two years?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Once.

(*b*) The following are the remarks of the Darbar Physician:

"Visited the Jail Hospital this morning and went round the kitchen and some of the blocks. There is one in-patient under observation. The Medical Officer has been advised to remove him to the General Hospital for treatment later, if necessary."

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